

Village of Los Lunas



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\$945,000 in Projects Coming to Los Lunas Thanks to Area Legislators

Projects worth \$945,000 are slated for Los Lunas after area legislators were able to obtain the money in the 2004 short session of the New Mexico State Legislature.

Senator Michael Sanchez obtained \$259,000 in funding for the Daniel Fernandez Youth Center and \$50,000 for video equipment at

the village library.

Representative Fred Luna was able to obtain funding for Carson Drive Corridor Improvements, \$90,400; Juan Perea Intersection with American Disability Act (ADA) improvements, \$72,720; and Luna Hills ADA improvements, \$235,000.

Funding garnered by Representative Kandy Cordova includes Enchantment Little League, \$70,000; village library improvements, \$112,111; and senior citizens bingo equipment, \$6,000.

Representative Don Tripp obtained \$50,000 for Luna Hills ADA improvements.

Cleanup Day Set May 1 in Village

The Great American Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 1 in the village as part of the Keep New Mexico Clean and Beautiful campaign.

Participants should meet in front of the Los Lunas Administrative offices, Main Street and Don Pasqual, at 7 am for a short briefing on safety. Everyone should dress adequately and wear protective clothing.

The village will provide bags, water bottles, lunch and there will also be a drawing for prizes. To plan for the lunch, participants are asked to call Marie at 352-7658 to say they are going to help.

Everyone is encouraged to get involved in the cleanup. Let's make

the village a better place to live and shop.



Village Councilors Re-Elected

Incumbent Village Councilors Gerard Saiz, left, and Cecilia CC Castillo were re-elected to four-year terms on the council at the March 2 election. Castillo won with 226 votes. Her opponent, Victor Lynn Williams had 57 votes. Saiz was unopposed and won with 106 votes. They will serve with Mayor Louis F. Huning and Councilors Charles Griego and Robert Vialpando.

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VILLAGE
WEBSITE**

www.loslunasnm.gov

Legislature Changes GRT

The New Mexico State Legislature passed legislation in the 2004 short session which impacts on the Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) charged in the state.

The bill which passed eliminates the GRT, sometimes called sales tax, on most food items. The tax would continue to be charged on alcohol, tobacco and hot, prepared food, including restaurant meals.

The bill raises the GRT on nonfood items in municipalities by 0.5 percent to offset the estimated loss of \$144.8 million from repealing the food tax.

The measure contains a “hold harmless” provision designed to make up lost revenues for local governments. This is accomplished by repealing the existing municipal tax credit of 0.5 percent and the effect of passing the gross receipts tax on food and services within municipalities to the statewide rate of 5 percent.

Governor Bill Richardson must sign this legislation for it to take effect on its proposed date, January 1, 2005. Richardson has said he will sign this bill.

Business Courses Now at Campus

The Small Business Development Center at the University of New Mexico-Valencia Campus is offering a wide variety of workshops this spring that can help your business. They include:

- Basic Bookkeeping • How to Write a Business Plan
 - Taxes for Small Business • Basic Marketing
 - Advertising • Operating an Online Business
 - Doing Business with the Government
 - Tax and Regulations for Employers.

The SBDC can also assist with business plans, loan applications, provide counseling, and offers various small business resources.

For more information call the SBDC at 925-8980.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**

Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego

Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando

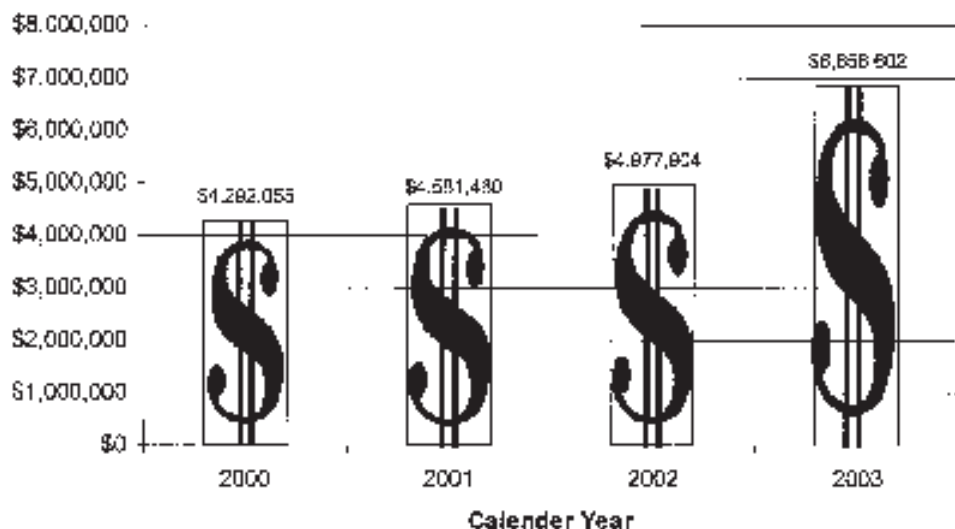
Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk

Chief of Police Nick Balido

**Village of Los Lunas
GRT Annual Revenue**



IMPORTANT VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Adminstration office839-3840

Council meetings/agendas, general information

Utilities Department , , , , , 839-3840

Special Pickups, Solid Waste, Street maintenance,
Recycling

Water Department, 839-3841

Billing questions, payment arrangements, connects/disconnects, utility window

Community Development Department 839-3842

Business licenses, planning and zoning, building inspector, flood plain information, code violations, animal control.

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council generally meets twice a month in the village council chambers located in the administrative building which is on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2004 are:

March 11 & 18

April 8 & 22

May 13 & 27

June 10 & 24

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

September 9 & 23

October 7 & 21

November 4 & 18

December 16 & 30

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting is still scheduled or has not been changed.

Water Plan Contains Many Recommendations

The Village Council has approved the Middle Rio Grande Regional Water Plan as released in December, 2003 which has many recommendations regarding water in the Middle Rio Grande area.

The plan was prepared by the Middle Rio Grande Water Assembly (WA) in partnership with the Mid-Region Council of Governments Water Resources Board with funding provided in part through the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG), local governments and the Water Assembly.

The Mid-Rio Grande area encompasses about 5,495 square miles and consists of Sandoval, Bernalillo and Valencia counties as well as federally owned lands and lands belonging to 13 Native American tribes.



Plan Worked on Since 1998

The WA and MRCOG have been working together on this plan since 1998 after signing a Memorandum of Understanding. The WA has responsibility for preparing the plan while MRCOG, through its Water Resources Board, is responsible for adopting and implementing the final product.

The main objective of the plan is to balance the demand for water with the water available to us, now and in the future. The plan looks to the year 2050.

Taken into consideration in the plan are legal issues such as tribal water rights, compacts and treaties; environmental issues; and water quality laws.

Developing Specific Actions

Specific actions that could be taken by the general public, state and local governments and water management agencies are recommended. These recommen-

dations are taken from technical analysis, modeling and the judgment of participants in the process.

A total of 43 recommendations are in the plan grouped into nine different categories:

- Urban and Rural Conservation Activities;
- Water Resources Planning and Management;
- Water Monitoring and Measurement;
- Agriculture;
- Water Quality;
- Bosque and Other Riparian Habitats;
- Water Storage to Reduce Evaporative Losses;
- Desalination;
- Public Education



Current Demand in the Middle Rio Grande Area

Demand is an integral part of the water plan. This plan shows an average deficit of 55,000 acre-feet per year, based on a consumptive use of 316,000 acre-feet per year, and a renewable supply of 261,000 acre-feet per year observed for the relatively wet period since 1975 in the Middle Rio Grande area.

If no remedial actions are taken then the consumptive use in 50 years could balloon to 411,000 acre-feet per year which would result in a deficit of 150,000 acre feet per year.



"Clearly something must be done if we expect to be able to meet the future needs of the region. The Regional Water Plan provides information on how the region's water use and water supply might be adjusted to address the deficit in our water budget, as well as the constraints that face us in trying to meet this challenge." -- taken from the summary of present and future water demand in the water plan.

Village Adopts Burn Ordinance

The Village Council has passed Ordinance #311 which clarifies and amends "certain burning regulations and their enforcement in the village."

All burning of trash is prohibited on private property, or on the streets and alleys except for the following which is allowed only under certain conditions:

- Disposal of fully dried weeds;
- Agricultural management, excluding timber, directly related to the growing or harvesting of crops;
- For recreational or ceremonial purposes.

If this open burning is done then certain conditions

must be maintained including only burning between ten am and four pm after an application has been submitted to the Village Clerk or his designee, at the Village Administrative Office, 660 Main Street NW, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm

The Los Lunas Fire Department and/or the Los Lunas Police Department will have the authority to cite violations of the new burning ordinance.

The fire chief may impose a ban upon any or all types of open fires or contained open fires in the incorporated area of the village if it is deemed that danger of forest, grass or structural fires is found to be high.

2003 Permits Number 73

The Village of Los Lunas issued 73 permits to build houses in the village in 2003. This compares to the 114 issued in 2002. Previous years include:

2001 — 110 permits 2000 — 71 1999 — 143

1998 — 182 1997 — 147 1996 — 145

1995 — 48 1994 — 166

In unincorporated Valencia County, a total 124 permits were issued in 2003.

Commercial permits issued in Los Lunas during 2003 included two new shopping centers, one at the intersection of Los Cerritos and Main Street and another in front of the Wal-Mart Supercenter on the westside of the village.

More New Phone Numbers

Village offices on the east side of the Rio Grande now have new phone numbers. Please use:

Community Services839-3859 FAX 352-3590

Transportation352-3595 FAX 352-3592

Parks & Recreation352-3584 FAX 352-3591

The Los Lunas/Bosque Farms Chamber of Commerce phone number has changed to 352-3596 with new fax of 352-3591.

Village Gets Shredder Vacuum

Thanks to the hard work of Josie Navarette and Marie Marquez who coordinate the clean-up campaigns in the community, the village will be given a Chipper Shredder Vacuum.

Only eight vacuums were awarded in New Mexico through the Keep America Beautiful program as a sponsor of the Great American Cleanup. Navarette and Marquez coordinate a cleanup day twice a year plus coordinate other village cleanup programs all year long.

Identify Address for Safety

A good resolution to carry out any time of year is to put easily-seen identification numbers on your property.

Large numbers make it much easier for emergency workers to identify a location.

Village ordinances say "owners of all properties containing buildings should number such properties at the expense of the owners with durable numerals at least three inches high in such manner and location as to be plainly visible from the street."

Family Fun Fest Saturday, April 24



**DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK
& YOUTH BUILDING
HIGHWAY 314
SOUTH LOS LUNAS
CALL THE VILLAGE PARKS &
RECREATION DEPARTMENT
FOR INFORMATION 352-3584**